Correspondence and Postal Reports.

ROARING SPRINGS, PA, April 17th '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Some time has elapsed since we have appeared as one of your contributors. Nothing special to communicate accounts for this. We have now entered upon our pastorate for the year of grace 1894.

The Mc Kee church, which was organized nine years ago under our ministration, is again in our care, after an absence of two years. We are fully organized for the work, at our service. April 8th, we ordained Bro. Elijah Berkey to the deaconship. Our Sunday school is moving with flying colors, and with the exception of a little internal friction, which has existed for the past eighteen months, we feel that we are ready for an aggressive campaign. The little discussion referred to, we propose to get rid of; we do not like barnacles clinging to the boat, and if there is no other way, we propose to adopt *heroic* measures. A few disgruntled members, whose heads are hard can disturb the equilibrium of any church. and I think should be deposed, when reasonable measures do not reconcile.

We are also ministering to our Altoona brethren. In June last Eld J. C. Mackey effected an organization in the city, the place for holding service was a Hall, three stories from the the earth. The cause lingered, and took on a spirit of decline. The surroundings were unfavorable, the brethren concluded a "change of base" to that of the southern part of the city. First a comfortable little chapel was procured, there we were interviewed as to whether we would preach for them; to this we agreed, chairs were purchased and every thing fitted up in trim. At the proper time we put in our appearance, and were greeted with a fine congregation. The outlook was much more favorable, with large congregation we concluded that these people should know the doctrines of the church, and that it might be presented in its most orthodox form, we called Bro. Wampler. After we had skirmished around the edges a little, and thrown up a few signal rockets, we introduced the Elder from Armstrong County, known as John B. Wampler, there came for one week a series of doctrinal sermons, that produced considerable squirming, some convicted, some convinced and some offended; after this bombardment then we began to look for game. Occasionally assisting a little, Bro. Wampler remained three weeks, result, eight baptisms and one by relation Circumstances then compelled Bro. Wampler to leave us, and feeling that there was still some crippled game, we tried to capture it, continuing the meetings a few evenings longer. Six more were baptized, making a total of fifteen. Among this last acquisition was a whole "household," and not a baby in it either—father, mother and two daughters. One our organist, and the other our Sunday school secretary. Therefore a "household" does not always imply babies—see? There are still some crippled, and if we do not misjudge there will be more captured. The sequel of all this has been, that our Lutheran brethren, who seemed to have a sort of monopoly of this part of God's heritage, have donned the war paint, the pastor as big Indian is frantic, has called to his rescue the famous Dr. Bergstresser, of Bashor, and Bergstresser Notoriety, who is at this writing delivering a series of sermons, against this infamous doctrine of immersion. The Dr., we presume, expects to knock this little craft clean out of the water, but we think it will be a case of the Merrimac and Monitor.

Two Sabbaths ago we organized a Sabbath school, which is moving off grandly, about seventy-five present last Sunday. Bro. W. F. Spible is our superintendent, and a success. Monday evening (16th) we held our first quarterly church meeting, elected, and have now the following officers:—Deacon, George S. Brown; Secretary, Sheldon Smouse; Treasure, Sister Ake; Trustees, Brethren Ake, Brown and Teeter; Pastor, W. L. Spanogle. A Ladies' Aid Society is next on the tapis. Among us we have a corps of live energetic sisters who mean business, and if the little church in Altoona does not progress, we will be inquiring after the reason why. Yet withall, there is here too a little fox. Some of our brethren who live some distance down in the city, seem to think the distance great, and therefore a little indifferent, even though the street car runs almost to the church door. Come brethren, wake up, and get aboard, this train proposes to move on, and if you are not on time you will surely get left. We want no dead heads or barnacles. To Bro. Wampler we are exceedingly grateful for service rendered, and if Dr. Bergstresser punctures our armor plate, aud endangers the craft we will send for you. In the mean time we will keep loaded, if it is but a pebble and a sling, and in the name of the God of Israel we will fire at the giant anyway. Fraternally,

W. L. Spanogle.

A NEW BRETHREN CHURCH.

PITTSBURG, DARKE CO., O., Apr. 16, '94.

Elder John W. Fitzgereld, now of Alton, W. Va., but formerly a resident of this vicinity, commenced a series of meetings at this place on March 24th, and continued to preach in his clear, forcible style each night and twice on Sundays until the 15th of April, with the immediate effect of nine accessions by baptism, three by relation and two reclaimed by confession, who had been disowned by the German Baptist. Fourteen in all being added to the little band here that had before united with us in obedience to the Gospel alone doctrine, but most of whom had no real church home until now.

Though this has long been a strong hold of the German Baptist church and the people were familiar with the cardinal doctrines of the Brethren, yet it is said that Bro. John's clear cut arguments applied to the minds of the people in his eloquent style caused a re-reading of Bible for miles around. Such bombarding of the enemy's fortifications could not fail to rouse the slumbering garrison within and all sorts of flanking tactics, with bombs and shells were resorted to, to defeat or neutralize the effect of his solid shot. Still night after night he held his hundreds of attentive listeners until he won the sympathy of all non-professors and unprejudiced professing Christians for miles around in favor of this little band of Brethren and the cause that they espouse.

Today twenty-one names were enrolled and an organization was completed by electing Brethren H. C. Snyder and Z. F. Ditmer as deacons, who were installed into their office by the laying on of hands and sol emn prayers. Elders J. W. Fitzgereld and A. Pearson officiating. Bro. Elwood Cordon was selected secretary, and Bro. Beech Smith, treasurer. Trustees, Brethren Z. B. Baker, H. C. Snyder, B. Smith, F. Wellborn and W. K. Arnett. Dr. A. Pearson, of Ludlow Falls, was chosen elder for the ensuing year, and H. C Snyder for literature, solicitor and correspondent for the EVANGELIST.

Notwithstanding the slanderous imputations to the contrary, these accessions to the Brethren church as the immediate result of this series of services is unexcelled in quality by any held in this community by any church in the past, all being heads of families but one, and nearly all in the prime of life and full of push.

There are a few members within easy reach of this new organization who were not present at this meeting and who, when an opportunity affords, will unite with it and swell its numbers to near thirty. The indications are hopeful that as a result of the good seeds sown, or "bread cast upon the water," others will soon unite with us by confession and baptism, and possibly some by relation.

Certainly the outlook is hopeful; with our new church completed except the furniture, and this will soon be supplied and only a small amount of subscription is lacking to pay all expenses of the house, and every friend is enthused by the recent revival. A little push now will put us on our feet. Pray for the success of the Brethren church at Pittsburg, Ohio.

H. C SNYDER, Cor. Sec.

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1156 HARRISON AVE., COLUMBUS, OHIO.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—It is with much interest we read your colums weekly and find it a great benefit. We rejoice over the great ingathering of the Brethren. May God bless their labors continually. We are isolated from the Brethren which deprives us of a great privilege that we regret—we know and realize this is a great disadvantage to us but we do have courage when we know God is every where. We have his word which is, "a light to our pathway, and the lamp by which our feet are to be guided." These words are a great solace and comfort to us. With the Psalmist we do rejoice—"The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" There are different denominations in the city seemingly doing much good Some have been quite active in the work by building Mission churches and preaching in the outskirts of the city. We attend services at one of the Baptist churches and hear good sermons surely they are doing great and good work in foreign lands through their missionaries. If their mode was only like our Savior's commands, there would be no need of isolation. May the Lord help us as a church to make greater effort and sacrifice, in general, than we have, for the spreading of His cause. I agree with brethren Roop and Cassel with regard to this in our last number. We do hope and pray the time is not far distant when we can enjoy preaching by the Brethren in this city. We are afflicted like many others at this writing. Trusting the Lord to give us grace for the same that we may endure it with patience. May God bless the Brethren every where with love, union, peace, and great success. We beg an interest in your prayers. With Christian sympathy and love, yours,

M. O. HORNE.

CHRIST OUR REFUGE.

FORT SCOTT, KANS., April 14, 1894.

I love the paper for in and through it I find food for my soul. I was pointed the way to Christ by Bro's H. G. Enslow and A. J. Hixon, Sept. 6, 1889, and was baptized Sept. 8, 1889 by Bro. Enslow. It was then that God took away that stony heart and gave me a heart of love, and he has put a new song in my mouth, even praises to his holy name.

I have been met and tried by many of the disappointments and storms of this life but Christ is ever my refuge. Dear readers, let us always possess, like the apostle Paul, a lively and cheering hope which will help us to say—"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God an house not made by hands eternal in the Heavens."

Now, Brethren, that many more of our fellow creatures, friends and neighbors, may possess a living faith and a living hope is my prayer. Let us consecrate our lives more to God and let us pray more earnestly.

LEVI WOOD.

NOTICE.

DETROIT, KANS., April 14th, 1894.

To the readers of the EVANGELIST greeting.—The brethren of Harmony church will hold their Love Feast on the evening of the 12th of May. All neighboring brethren are cordially invited to participate. May the Lord bless his children.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. SMITH.